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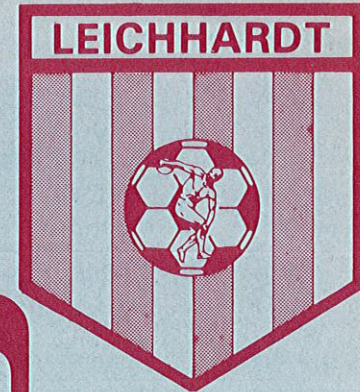
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The club's board of Directors hope that our supporters as well as the visiting fans to our matches enjoy this our first "new" Match Programme. This programme should provide club supporters with news and information on their club that they are at times deprived of through lack of radio and television coverage.

As for our daily newspaper, the soccer writers who work for our major metropolitan newspapers are not to blame for the meagre space allocated to the coverage of the world's greatest game. The Sydney soccer public tend to believe that they are at fault for the poor coverage given to soccer in this city. Nothing could be further from the truth. They can only fill the space allocated to them by their editors - no more.

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- 3 Colin McAusland
- 4 Mark Pullen
- 5 Peter Wilson
- 6 John Coyne
- 7 Marshall Soper
- 8 Alan Hughes
- 9 Bill Pirie
- 10 Zdenko Kafka
- 11 Phil O'Connor
- 12 Dave Harding
- 13 John Bradley
- 14 Frank Leyden
- 15 John McKie
- 16 David Watt
- 17 Frank Casacchia
- 18 Ian Gray
- 19 Eddie Zacommer
- 20 Bob Parkes

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UNDER 19

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We sincerely apologize to our supporters and to those travelling Fairfield fans for not being able to publish the Fairfield under 19 team. But our effort to attain a line-up from the Fairfield Club proved fruitless.

Leichhardt Soccer Club
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Leichhardt Soccer Club heading towards a Golden Era in the Eighties

Heidelberg enter today's first Philips Soccer League competition match against Apia with one sole aim in mind—to commence their challenge for the 1981 Championship, a title that they were extremely unlucky not to have won last season.

Our visitors from Melbourne are undoubtedly one of the favourites for the 1981 Championship. They have in their squad the type of quality players that bring success. To mention just a few — Yzeendoorn, Paton, Cole, Taylor and Rooney.

Heidelberg's squad contains no less than seven past and present Socceroos.

Apia's record against them last season is well known to us all, therefore it would be best if we left it at that.

But what counts is not what happened in the past - but what fortunes lie ahead for Apia in the future.

There is no doubt about it - Heidelberg are one of the strongest teams in the country.

But contrary to what certain people think - in 1981 Apia will enter that category. Of that there is no doubt.

Our administration, coach and players are quietly confident that this will be the year when Apia reaches the pedestal, it is accustomed to challenging for the very top.

There is no need to go into too much detail why '81 will see Apia return to its former glories - it is quite clear to those supporters who have a strong affiliation with the club.

The outstanding qualities of our new signings - namely Kafka, Soper, Leyden, Hughes and Parkes, if not already known by Sydney PSL supporters, will in the next couple of months be more that well known. Add that quintet to the 1980 squad and you can see why Apia will establish itself this season as one of the leading clubs.

But supporters must be patient and realise that the team desperately needs a few weeks playing together to show its true potential. This is only to be expected considering the addition of so many new players.

Today's game should be a great contest and the very talented players from both sides should ensure an excellent match.

Heidelberg has a side stacked with match winners. But today and in the next few weeks supporters will notice that Apia has added a large number of match winners to their squad to join the established ones of O'Connor, Pirie and Woodhouse.

Watch for a 21 year old youngster from Newcastle called Marshal Soper, who should prove to be one of the sensations in the 1981 PSL season. His name will appear prominently and regularly high on the top goalscorers chart.

Kafka, that classy elegant midfielder from Yugoslavia is another

new acquisition that will delight not only Apia crowds but fans around the country.

Alan Hughes is well known to us all as he has already proved himself in the past three years with Brisbane Lions.

Frank Leyden is a very underrated player - but he will prove his critics wrong as the season progresses.

There is no need to discuss players such as Skellern, Wilson, Pullen, Coyne and Harding, they are established Apia players who have already shown their worth.

Pullen in particular is the most underrated defender in the country. But this season should be the year that the National media begin to realise that the lad has socceroo stamped all over him.

Rale Rasic is one to have noticed Pullen's ability (Rasic selected Pullen in the NSW team against Dinamo) in time, so will Gutendorf.

To back up this impressive array of senior players the club has in our opinion the cream of the state's youth players. To name just a few - David Watt, Frank Casachhia, Ian Gray and Eddie Zaccomer.

The above four have shown they are potential PSL players - but as the season wears on it is more that likely that a few others will emerge. That is why the headline on the front cover is justified.

As the season gains momentum Australia's Soccer public will also become aware of it.

In conclusion we expect to start the season with a win—but know only too well the 1980 PSL Grand Final Winners of last year, will prove a difficult opponent.

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A word from our Manager-Coach WILLIE WALLACE

May I take this opportunity to welcome all our supporters back to Lambert Park for the 1981 Philips Soccer League season.

I hope in this new season ahead we can continue where we left off at the end of the 1980 season.

We have kept most of our staff from last season and have added new players of a high calibre into the positions that we were weak in last year.

In midfield we have added Frank Leyden and Zdenko Kafka. Both have fitted in really well. They are two totally different players - but work well together.

Up front we have added Alan Hughes and Marshal Soper. Alan has had three years experience in the PSL with Brisbane Lions. Marshal is a young man of 21 who has been playing in the Northern NSW State League for Stewart and Loyds. Last season he scored 21 goals in 18 games and to me that's good shooting in any soccer. I am sure this lad will do well in top soccer.

We also have our own young boys

challenging for positions, David Watt, Frank Casacchia, Eddie Zaccorner and Ian Gray.

I feel there is a big future for all of these boys.

Last but not least we have signed a new goalkeeper - Robert Parkes. As we still have Greg Woodhouse with us I feel we have the best two keepers in Australia.

Our first game today is against Heidelberg. In my opinion they were the best team in the PSL in 1980. They proved me correct in the grand final.

Last year they beat us very easily in both our games. But I feel that we are much better equipt this season than we were last.

I know Heidelberg will be challenging for honors this season, and now is the time for us to prove we will be challenging also.

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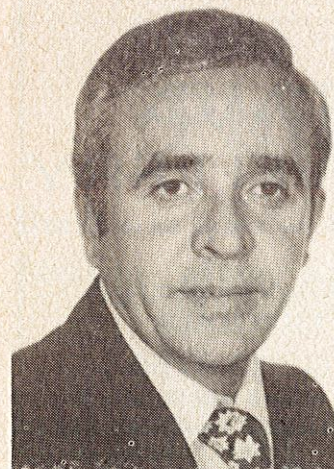
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CLUB NEWS with Ron Orsatti

As most of you are aware by now, I am the new face on the board for the 1981 season and feel I have been known by most of you through my past association with the club and as president of inter North Sydney in the past three years.

I sincerely hope that in the future with your co-operation and understanding we can bring back our soccer team to the status it always had.

I do not want to make big promises, but I can tell you that I will try to do my best. To achieve that status for this 1981 season a lot of work has to be done at club level and with the help of my colleagues we will do that.

You all know by now that we have strengthened our team with five new players — Leyden, Kafka, Soper, Hughes and Parkes, and I'm sure these players will prove to be

valuable gains.

But what is even more important is that I strongly believe the club has spent wisely.

Supporters must also remember that if we continue to allocate the amount of money already spent in past years in soccer the club could be at risk of losing not only the soccer team but also the club.

Our pre-season fund raising has been very successful and this will help our goal considerably.

I take this opportunity to thank all the companies that have attained advertising at Lambert Park.

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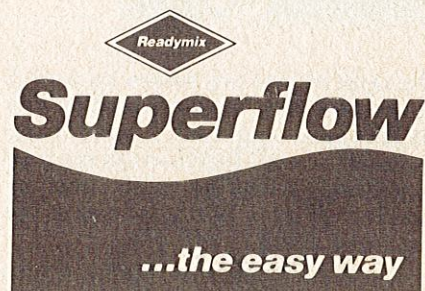
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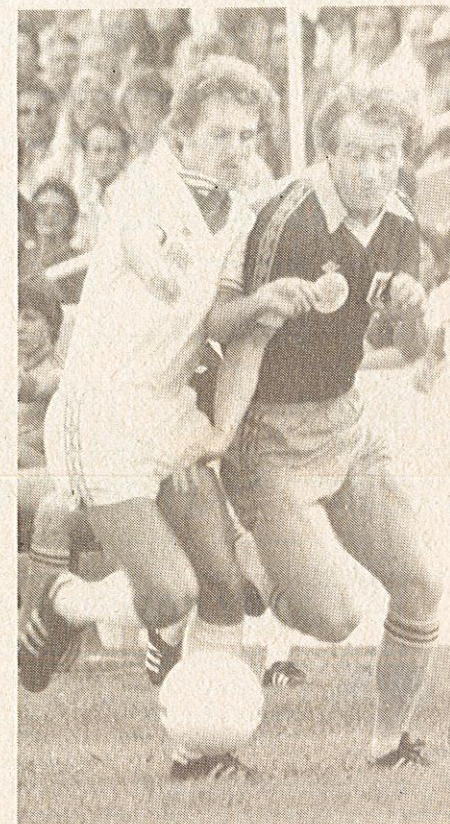
Phil O'Connor

Our first in a series of 18 is of Phil O'Connor, the club's classy
Soccerroo winger and last season's **PLAYER OF THE YEAR.**

Full Name: Philip Kelvin O'Connor
Birthplace: Essex, England
Birthdate: 10.10.1953
Height: 5ft 8½"
Weight: 11½ Stone
Previous Clubs: Wollongong City,
St. George
Married: Yes to Anne
Children: Michelle, 1 year old
Car: Valiant Galant
Favourite Overseas Player: John
Robertson (Nottingham Forest)
Favourite Local Player: Kenny
Boden (Sydney City)
Favourite Australian Team: None
Favourite Overseas Team: West
Ham

Most Difficult Opponent: None
Most Memorable Match: Making
my football league debut with
Luton Town against Ipswich.
Luton won 3-2
Biggest Thrill in Soccer: As above
Biggest Thrill Outside Soccer: The
birth of my daughter, Michelle
Biggest disappointment in Soccer:
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United (English 4th division)
**Biggest disappointment outside
Soccer:** None

Best Country Visited: Spain
Favourite Food: Chinese and
Seafood
Miscellaneous Likes: Squash, Ten-
nis
Miscellaneous Dislikes: Smoking,
Doing odd jobs around the
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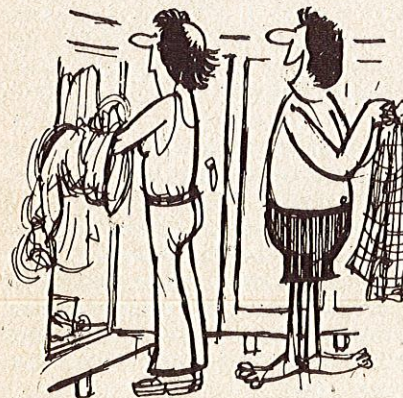
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sull'altare dove ci rimarremo per lungo ma lungo tempo. Tutti voi mi direte e facile dirlo ma dal dire al fare ce dimezzo il mare, però io sono un vecchio istrione che o scrutinato tutti i pro e tutti i contro attentamente e son venuto facilmente a questa conclusione, adesso vi spiego; Prima di tutto la mossa vincente del presidente Papallo e stata di affidare la squadra nelle mani di RENATO ORSATTI, tutti conoscono il Signor Orsatti come una persona onesta e leale, come un saggio amministratore, e un bravo intenditore di faccende calcistiche, con le sue facili maniere a fatto già tornare l'armonia nella squadra, a chiamato tutti individualmente facendo presente le loro responsabilità, e quello che il nostro club si aspetta da loro, a cominciare dal primo tecnico, all'ultimo raccatta palle, e con professionalità a gettato delle ferme fondazioni per il futuro; il motto quest'anno sarà VINCERE O MORIRE, e vedere il puntiglio di come si son preparati in tutti gli allenamenti, ORSATTI ci a assicurati che E FIE E MAMMITA O VINCERANNO O MORIRANNO SUL CAMPO alla difesa dei nostri colori granata.



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Adesso vi dico altre novità in questo campionato ci saranno tanti soprannomi ci saranno lottatori, LEONI, CANNONIERI, OLIMPIONICI, DOMONI, GLADIATORI, LUPI, FRECCIE, GIGANTI, il nostro nome proprio appropriato e quello di (SFONDATORI), E sietene certi che non sfonderemo solamente le reti avversarie ma a tutti gli scettici che non credono in noi siamo pure pronti a sfonderle qualche altra cosa, e voi mi capite? Per il rafforzamento della squadra Orsatti a lavorato veramente senza sosta studiando tutti i giocatori disponibili, tutti quelli in grato diappare le posizioni in qui eravamo deboli, certi elementi sono rimasti veri e puri sogni per cifre veramente esorbitanti, e quindi si e dovuti ammainare bandiera, però con tanta pazzienza e tanta volontà crediamo che Orsatti a fatto delle scelte veramente azzeccate, e credo che meglio di così non si avrebbe potuto sperare.

Prima di tutto si e comprato un portiere veramente ingamba certo Robert Parkes proveniente dal Cumberland di Adelaide lo abbiamo visto un paio di settimane fa' contro il Blacktown e ci a fatto vedere che sa il fatto, suo e se ci sarà il caso di rimpiazzare il nostro portiere numero uno potrà farlo senza nessuna difficoltà, dopo si e cercato di rinforzare il centro campo comprando lo Iugoslavo Zdenko Kafka un elemento d'alta classe che a disputato più di duecento partite con la dinamo di Zagabria quindi non c'è bisogno di nessuna presentazione però siamo ben sicuri che con il suo senzo di giuoco, con i suoi palloni calibrati, con quei tocchetti maggici sarà capace di mandare in visibilibio non solo i tifosi accaniti di LAMBERT PARK ma anche tutte le platee che avranno il piacere di vederlo giuocare su tutti i campi d'AUSTRALIA, Alan Hughes proveniente dal Brisbane Lions uno spilungone di oltre sei piedi e due inches che potrà giocare sia come cen-

trocampista, che come sfondatore, tira bene di sinistro e destro e anche lui e un tipo che specie nei pressi dell'aria di rigore si farà rispettare, poi ce Marshall Soper proveniente da Newcastle dove nello scorso campionato a fatto una valanga di gols e giovane, appena vent'anni, e alto anche lui cia fisico scatto, e potenza, e sicuramente sarà la rivelazione di questo campionato, dopo ce Frank Laiden un pallino che Orsatti si e portato dietro dalla sua vecchia North Sydney Inter un tipo che se avrà opportunità anche lui potrà dire la sua, dopo di che ci sono tutti gli altri elementi già affermati del campionato scorso, oltre a cinque o sei elementi giovani sotto i diciannove anni di sicuro avvenire che fra non molto cominceranno a bussare la porta della prima squadra anche loro.

Quindi miei cari tifosuzzi ci sono le prospettive di avere una squadra di tutto rispetto, una squadra di alta classifica, e sietene ben certi che a cominciare da oggi in poi non soffriremo più come in precedenza, ma (faremo soffrire) certo manchiamo ancora di pazzienza miei cari Apianuzzi e vedrete che col tempo si matureranno le fave (dice il proverbio) i torelli sono scalpitanti, e fisicamente a posto, vorranno vendicare le due pesanti sconfitte della scorsa stagione a tutti i costi, e faranno tutto il possibile di cominciare il campionato con una vittoria, quindi cominciate a fregarvi le mani che assisteremo a una partita veramente incandescente. Se cominceremo con una vittoria e su questo non ci sono dubbi, con gli elementi che WALLACE a adisposizione e con a capo il dinamico duo di NICK e RENATO vedrete che non ci fermerà neanche un carro armato, parola di sabbaturi.

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